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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hill et al Confirmation No.: 6601

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For: MULTI-CYCLE DUMP VALVE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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AMENDMENT

(Responsive to Official Communication Dated December 2, 2005)

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was March 2, 2006.

This paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time (2 months) sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1579 in the amount necessary for the 2-month extension.

It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to

 $1.21\ be\ required\ for\ any\ reason,\ the\ Assistant\ Commissioner\ is\ authorized\ to\ deduct\ said\ fees\ from$

Deposit Account No. 04-1579.

In response to the Official Communication, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this

paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.